

FCC STB RULE IMPACTS ON  
SMALL PROVIDERS**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my deep concern with the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) proposed rules on set-top-boxes. On May 5th, I along with Rep. CRAMER (R-ND) and 58 of our House colleagues sent a letter to Chairman Wheeler at the FCC. That letter focused on the burdens these rules would impose on small cable operators.

I've heard from several of my rural cable operators, and they are worried the FCC is failing to fully understand the impact these rules will have on small providers. Many of them will spend over a \$1 million per system in order to comply with these rules, diverting resources that would otherwise be spent investing in broadband. Furthermore, it is estimated these costs could cause as many as 200 cable operators nationwide to go out of business or simply exit the video market place.

We all support and want to encourage increased innovation and competition. In fact, many small operators are heavily investing in upgrading their existing networks to provide faster high-speed broadband. They also support innovative boxes from TiVo and apps that work on Roku boxes.

The Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy agrees the proposal "will be disproportionately and significantly burdensome" for small cable operators. The SBA went on to say the "FCC has not adequately attempted to quantify or describe the economic impact of its proposed rules" nor did the FCC make "any attempt to explain what kinds of costs small operators might incur in order to comply" with the rule. Mr. Speaker, it is inconceivable to me that the FCC would propose new rules and seek to impose new regulations without fully understanding the economic impacts of their actions—especially when it comes to the many small rural providers in my district.

Recognizing the burdens these new rules would have on small providers, consumer groups like Public Knowledge and innovative companies like TiVo support taking a different approach with small operators. I urge the FCC to reconsider imposing these rules on small operators because of the tremendous burden it would impose on them. If these new rules cause operators to go out of business or limit video services the Commission may end up hurting the very people they are seeking to help and that's the consumer.

HONORING THE CITY OF  
CARLISLE, KENTUCKY**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the City of Carlisle, Kentucky as it celebrates its bicentennial. The City of Carlisle was founded in 1816 as the county seat of Nicholas County, Kentucky. Carlisle has rich history and its citizens are very proud to call Carlisle home.

They have done a wonderful job preserving several historic buildings and keeping the history of the community alive.

I always enjoy visiting Carlisle and Nicholas County, where the people are friendly, hard-working, faith-centered, and family-oriented. I congratulate all the citizens of Carlisle on the two-hundredth anniversary of their town's founding and I wish them the best for the future. It is my honor to recognize the occasion before the United States House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,218,850,296,387.20. We've added \$8,591,973,247,474.12 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN'S DREAM  
FUND**HON. DAVID W. JOLLY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Children's Dream Fund on their 35th anniversary.

The Children's Dream Fund was established in 1981 as the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund. Franise Geringer, a small South African boy with aging disease, had a dream to meet his hero, Pinocchio. The Sunshine City Jaycees of St. Petersburg raised funds for the family to visit Disneyworld and any excess funds raised would go to the family. However, the family denied the extra funds and instead chose for the money to go to helping other children.

After twenty years, the Suncoast Children's Dream Fund was renamed to the Children's Dream Fund. It now serves children in West Coast Florida who are referred to by neighboring children's hospitals. It helps children between ages three and eighteen with life threatening diseases and has fulfilled over two thousand dreams. These dreams range from a celebrity meet, a trip, a gift, or most frequently, a week at the Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Children's Dream Fund for their excellent work over the past 35 years. They have given hope to so many kids and their families in Pinellas County and West Central Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts.

## HONORING FATHER JIM SICHKO

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special individual, Father Jim Sichko. He has served as Pastor of St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish in Richmond, Kentucky for the past twelve years. He leaves Richmond soon to begin a one-year appointment from Pope Francis as a Missionary of Mercy.

Father Sichko is the youngest of five children. He received an undergraduate degree in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory of Music and performed as an opera singer before deciding to enter the priesthood. He studied theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology and was ordained into the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 23rd, 1998.

As pastor of St. Mark's Parish, Father Sichko is well known for his storytelling. He travels throughout the United States and presents retreats, missions, and days of recollection. He once disguised himself as a homeless man as part of his ministry. He authored a book entitled "Among Friends." Father Sichko has invited many celebrities to his parish for fundraising events over the years, including Dolly Parton, First Lady Laura Bush, Donnie Osmond, and, most recently, Jay Leno.

Father Sichko has made quite a difference in his parish and in the Richmond community. He will be greatly missed and I wish him well as he leaves to serve God in a different role. I am proud to recognize and honor him before the United States House of Representatives.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAC THORNBERRY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 13, 2016, because of airline delays I missed roll call votes No. 297 "To increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, and for other purposes" and No. 298 "To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both bills.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TULSI GABBARD**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2016, I was unavoidably detained due to a traffic accident and was unable to record my vote for roll call No. 283. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on consideration of the resolution.

RECOGNIZING MISSOURI TALK  
RADIO HOST WARREN KRECH ON  
HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Warren Krech. "Mr. Jefferson City", has retired after 30 years in Jefferson City radio and over 40 years in the radio industry. Warren most recently spent his time entertaining listeners as the morning news and talk host on KWOS News Radio 950.

A native of South Dakota and graduate from the University of Minnesota, Mr. Krech found his love of radio while serving in the United States Army—specifically with the American Forces Radio & TV in East Africa. Warren and his family moved from Wisconsin to Jefferson City, Missouri in 1984. When Mr. Krech moved to Missouri, he worked for Frank Newell at KJMO. While some consider broadcasting to be a nomadic business, Warren wanted to settle his then young family in the Jefferson City community.

Throughout his radio years, Mr. Krech sat in the DJ chair, but found his niche when he was able to enter talk radio format. For 23 years, Warren has worked with John Marsh at KJMO and KWOS. During Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Krech and John Marsh, hosted a "Tape from Home" at the local mall where people could come record their comments for friends and family who were serving in the military.

Mr. Krech is the current and three time winner of the News Tribune's "Readers' Choice" award for favorite local radio personality. Additionally, Warren is an active local emcee and speaker for charities including: Samaritan Center, Special Olympics, and Heart Association. Mr. Krech has been host of the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon for 13 years on KOMU-TV.

With this retirement, Mr. Krech will now be able to spend more time with his wife, Marcia, who is a retired Jefferson City teacher. He has a daughter, Sarah, who lives in St. Louis and a son, Ben, who lives in Washington, DC. Warren also enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals, running, cycling, gardening, and his two cats.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing Mr. Warren Krech on his retirement. His commitment to the radio industry and his local community makes this a commendable accomplishment.

TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: RED ADAIR

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, born the son of an Irish blacksmith in Houston, Paul Neal Adair, commonly known as "Red" started his long service as a fire fighter in World War II with the 139th Bomb Disposal Squadron. While enlisted, he was sent across Japan to find undetonated bombs and safely disarm them. However, it wasn't until after his service in the Army that he became renowned for his bravery and skill as a fire fighter.

He began working under Myron Kinley, a pioneer and innovator in oil-well firefighting. Adair worked diligently to learn the many new inventions and techniques Kinley had created, and by 1959 he was ready to strike out on his own. He founded the Red Adair Co., a private company solely devoted to fighting large scale oil fires, and over the course of his career he put out more than two thousand of these fires, both on land and on offshore platforms.

In November of 1961, a particularly large fire, nicknamed the "Devil's Cigarette Lighter," broke out in the middle of the Algerian Sahara. Mr. Speaker, the flame was over four hundred and fifty feet high. Despite best efforts, the fire burned continuously, with no end in sight. That was, until Adair and his crew were called to the scene.

Driving a modified bulldozer right up to the well where the fire was burning, Adair was able to get a large nitroglycerin charge into the well, allowing the explosion to displace enough oxygen that the monster of a fire was finally extinguished.

His feats in the Sahara gained him and his crew a reputation worldwide. They additionally helped with a large gas leak off the coast of Australia, and contributed to capping the biggest oil well blowout to have ever been recorded in the North Sea.

Even in 1991 at the age of seventy-five, Adair took part in the extinguishing of countless oil well fires that were set by Iraqi troops in Kuwait during the Gulf War. Soon after he retired, he sold his world famous company. His top employees went on to form their own company, the International Well Control. His great courage and success in his field led to a John Wayne movie called "Hellfighters" to be made, which was loosely based on his encounters in the Sahara. In 2004, at the age of eighty-nine, Paul Adair passed away, but both his men and many others will remember him as a pioneer in firefighting who not only saved many cities from millions of dollars in damages from these large scale oil fires, but also thousands of lives.

And that's just the way it is.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
WAPPAPELLO LAKE AND DAM

**HON. JASON SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of Wappapello Lake and Dam in Wayne County, Missouri. Lake Wappapello hosts 2.5 million people annually and has made an incredible impact on its surroundings.

Senator John Overton proposed the Wappapello Lake and Dam project in June of 1936. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began the project in 1938 and completed Wappapello Lake and Dam in 1941. It was constructed along the St. Francis River in order to provide flood control and hydroelectricity to southeastern Missouri.

Wappapello Lake is one of five man-made lakes in the St. Louis District and is one of the nation's oldest Corps of Engineers projects. The project includes 44,000 acres of land and water, providing ample opportunity for water recreation. With largemouth bass, white bass,

channel catfish, crappie, and bluegill atop the list, fishing is a great pastime for lake goers. Lake Wappapello State Park is located on the edge of the lake and is run by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The 1,854-acre State Park offers fishing, swimming, picnicking, and, lodging as well as trials for horseback riding, all-terrain biking, and backpacking. The park also offers camping with both modern and traditional, rustic campgrounds.

For the special place it holds in the hearts and lives of many in the community, as well as its place as a landmark in Wayne County, it is my pleasure to recognize the 75th anniversary of Wappapello Lake and Dam.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 283. I would like to indicate that I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call 283 had I been there.

MARITIME PIRACY AND PIRATES

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 14, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when the word pirate comes to mind, many envision treasure seeking ruffians with eye patches. Unbeknownst to most of us, pirates still exist: lurking the coast of East Africa, specifically Somalia and Kenya, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Guinea, The Malacca Strait, and the Indian subcontinent. Pirates today, however, can do more damage than forcing a poor fellow to walk the plank. Regions plagued by poverty and extreme terrorism have raised a whole new breed of manipulative, violent, maritime hijackers who will stop at nothing to achieve their goals. Modern piracy is not simply a matter of economic loss or threatened safety, but a risk to the entire globe due to the close-knit ties pirates have with terrorists.

All eyes of the international community were suddenly turned to the coast of Somalia when pirates hijacked a Russian supertanker full of oil and army tanks. What did the American government do? Nothing. Nothing that is, until the unimaginable happened. A U.S. cargo ship was openly attacked by pirates, and the captain was held as ransom for several days. Since then, efforts have been taken to defend ships from maritime crime, such as legalization of weapons on board for commercial shipping vessels. Is this passive defense enough? When analyzing the cost of insurance, freight, rerouting, and ransoms, the price we pay to watch these pirates roam the high seas ranges to as high as \$16 billion a year. Yet there are far greater non-monetary costs awaiting us in the future. If a ship is attacked at just the right place, it could result in the closure and seizure of invaluable international waterways.

Though many pirates have different motives than terrorists, terrorist tactics are frequently